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SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE, OPTION 3

1. IN AS MUCH AS LEAKS COULD DEELOP HERE OR IN CAPITALS AS A RESULT O
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THE INTRODUCTION INTO THE NAC MEETING TOMORROW JUNE 11 OF THE US PAPE
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ON OPTION 3 AND THIS COULD PRODUCE QUESTIONS BY JOURNALISTS,
WE BELIEVE WE AND THE NATO PRESS SPOKESMAN SHOULD BE ARMED WITH
CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE FOR USE IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES ONLY.

2. WE SUGGEST SOMETHING ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES WHICH WE WOULD LIKE
TO GIVE THE NATO PRESS SPOKESMAN AT OPENING OF BUSINESS TOMORROW
MORNING JUNE 11 FOR LATER CONSIDERATION IN THE NAT MEECTING.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL BY CABLE NO LATER THAN OPENING OF
BUSINESS JUNE 11.

4. BEGIN SUGGESTED TEXT: THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA HAVE
BEEN GOING ON SINCE OCTOBER 1973. AS YOU KNOW, PERIODICALLY,
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REPORTS ARE MADE TO THE NAC BY THE AD HOC GROUP IN VIENNA
REGARDING THE NEGOTIATIOS AND POINTS AT ISSUE.
FROM TIME TO TIME IN THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS,
NEW ELEMENTS ARE INTRODUCED BY ONE SIDE OR THE

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OTHER FOR CONSIDERATION AND IN THE CASE OF THE NATO ALLIES, THESE POINTS ALL HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED AND AGREED BEFOREHAND BY THE NAC IN BRUSSELS.

IN LINE WITH THIS NORMAL PATTERN OF PROCEDURE THE US HAS NOW MADE FURTHER INPUTS RELATED TO MBFR NEGOTIATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AND DSCUSSION BY ITS ALLIES. HOWEVER, I AM NOT AT LIBERTY TO COMMENT ON THE NATURE OF THE PROPOSALS NOR ANY DETAILS REGARDING THEM. END SUGGESTED TEXT.

5. NO MATER WHAT FORM THE QUESTIONS MIGHT TAKE, OR THE DEGREE OF DETAIL ABOUT THE PROPOSAL THE QUESTIONER MIGHT POSSESS. WE PROPOSE TO RESPOND AND SUGGEST THAT THE NATO PRESS SPOKESMAN RESPOND, ALONG THE ABLVE LINES. IF CONFRONTED WITH DIRECT REQUEST TO CONFIRM OR DENY THAT THE U.S. HAS INTRODUCED OPTION 3 INTO THE NAC, WE WOULD PROPOSE TO SAY, AND SUGGEST THAT THE NATO SOPKESMAN SAY, IF AGREED, THAT WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO EITHER CONFIRM OR DENY.
IF THE JOURNALIST ASKS WHETHER THE QUESTION IS GOING TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE NPG MEETING NEXT WEEK IN MONTEREY, WE WOULD PLAN TO REPLY THAT IT WOULD NOT. WE WOULD PLAN ALSO TO SAY THAT THE NPG WILL BE ADDRESSING A LONG-STANDING AGENDA AND THAT THIS SUBJECT IS NOT ON THE AGENDA.
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